



October 25, 2017

National Freedom of Information Officer  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T)  
Washington, DC 20460

**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear National Freedom of Information Officer:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act on behalf of Right Wing Watch. On April 20, 2017, the website Splinter reported that Administrator Scott Pruitt was among the Cabinet secretaries who have attended or sponsored "Cabinet Member Bible Study" events hosted by Pastor Ralph Drollinger and his group Capitol Ministries.

While Cabinet secretaries, like all Americans, have the right to worship as they choose, Mr. Drollinger has admitted that he comes to these Bible studies with a particular political agenda, hoping to convince government officials to act in accordance with that agenda. (See B. O'Connor, "The Trump Cabinet Has Its Own Weekly Far-Right Bible Study Group," Splinter, April 20, 2017.) Therefore, it is of great interest to the American people to know in what way Mr. Drollinger uses these events in an attempt to influence public policy.

Accordingly, we request copies of the following documents from January 20, 2017 to present:

1. All written correspondence, logs of calls, or records of meetings between or involving Administrator Pruitt or his representatives and Ralph Drollinger, Danielle Drollinger, or any other representative of Capitol Ministries;
2. All records relating to Administrator Pruitt's attendance at Capitol Ministries' "Cabinet Member Bible Study" events, including calendar items and correspondence involving the events;
3. All written correspondence between Administrator Pruitt or his representatives and other nongovernmental organizations and individuals concerning Mr. Drollinger or Capitol Ministries; and
4. All other materials received from Ralph Drollinger, Danielle Drollinger, or any other representative of Capitol Ministries.

As a representative of the news media, Right Wing Watch specifically seeks an exemption from any search or copying fees. Right Wing Watch is an entity that gathers information of potential interest to the public and segments thereof, uses its editorial skills to turn the raw material into distinct works, and distributes those works to public audiences. Disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute substantially to public understanding of government activities and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the

requester. Such an exemption has recently been granted to Right Wing Watch by the Department of Education.

We look forward to hearing from you as to our request within 20 working days, and to receiving the documents requested as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need further information, I can be reached directly at 202-467-2335 or [mbblue@pfaw.org](mailto:mbblue@pfaw.org).

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'MBK', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Research Editor  
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